

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE
COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

v.

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INC.;
DEUTSCHE BANK SECURITIES INC.; GOLDMAN,
SACHS & CO., INC.; J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC;
and RBS SECURITIES INC.,

Defendants.

No. 3:11-cv-30285-MAP

**ASSENTED-TO MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF
DEFENDANTS' TIME TO RESPOND TO THE COMPLAINT**

Defendants Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and RBS Securities Inc.

("Defendants") hereby move for an extension of their time to answer the complaint filed by Plaintiff Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company ("Plaintiff") in the above-captioned action (the "Action"), as stipulated to by the parties, through their undersigned counsel, as set forth below. Plaintiff, through its undersigned counsel, assents to the motion.

On December 29, 2011, Plaintiff commenced the Action by filing a complaint (the "Complaint") in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. The Action asserts the same cause of action and the same allegations with respect to a subset of the same mortgage-backed securities and offering documents that are at issue in Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. v. Residential Funding Company, LLC et al., No. 11-cv-30035 (the "035 Action"), which Plaintiff filed on February 9, 2011.

By Memorandum and Order entered on February 14, 2012, the Court granted in part and denied in part the motions to dismiss filed in the '035 Action and directed the parties to serve and file within twenty (20) days answers to the complaint in that action and the complaints in the other actions addressed in that Memorandum and Order.

On February 17, 2012, the Court granted the parties' assented-to motion in this Action, providing that Defendants are not required to answer, move or otherwise respond to the Complaint prior to February 24, 2012.

In order to avoid burdening the Court with briefing redundant of the issues resolved by this Court in the '035 Action, counsel for Plaintiff and counsel for Defendants conferred and have stipulated and agreed, subject to the approval of the Court, as follows:

1. The arguments asserted in motions to dismiss in the '035 Action shall not be re-briefed in this Action, but shall be preserved for appeal as if such arguments had been presented in this Action, and the Court's decision on such arguments shall apply fully to this Action.

2. Defendants shall answer the Complaint on or before March 30, 2012.

3. By entering into this stipulation, Plaintiff and Defendants do not waive, and expressly preserve, any and all rights, claims and defenses, including but not limited to the right to replead or amend the allegations in support of any claims or assert any defenses relating to jurisdiction, venue, arbitration, service of process and statute of limitations or any counter-claims that may be available in this Action.

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully request that this Court:

1. Grant the instant motion to enter an Order per the terms stipulated to by the parties, as set forth herein.

2. Grant such further relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: February 24, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that this document, filed through the ECF system will be sent electronically to the registered participants as identified on the Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) and paper copies will be sent to those indicated as non-registered participants on this 24th day of February, 2012.

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